

Rush Medical College

Class of 2001



The Pulse



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The anchor cross, as one of the earliest Christian symbols, has universal identity and meaning. From the early Christian era, the anchor and its crosspiece carried messages of steadfastness and hope for those at sea. These were incorporated into the logo of Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in the mid-20th century. With the merger of Rush Medical College and Presbyterian-St. Luke's in 1969, a stylized version of the anchor was developed to remind us of our lasting values, dating back to our charter granted in 1837, two days before the City of Chicago was incorporated. As a whole, the Rush seal symbolizes a new concept of medical care and service for our community.

The 2001 Rush Medical College Graduating Class would like to dedicate this yearbook to our family and friends who have assisted us, encouraged us, and been patient with us throughout our lives, and who have lived vicariously through us during our medical school careers. Without your steadfast support and encouragement, the endeavor may well have been insurmountable.

We wish also to thank the countless patients who provide meaning and inspiration to us in the face of mental, physical, and emotional challenges. We will strive always to care for you and others like you with respect, dignity, and compassion.

Thank you to our teachers, advisors, and mentors prior to medical school and during medical school for challenging us to become excellent physicians of outstanding character and for giving us the guidance to pursue our full potentials.

Our sincerest gratitude goes to Jill Porter, Jack Macy, Luz Perez, and former director Danita Nelms of the Office of Student Affairs for their interest in and advocacy of our careers, and for periodically reminding us to have fun.

Finally, we extend thanks to each and every classmate for our mutual support, memorable experiences, and unforgettable friendships. Congratulations Rush Medical College Class of 2001!

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To the Class of 2001:

In 1969 when Rush Medical College was reactivated and merged with Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, those on the planning and implementation team used to refer to what was happening as "an old idea that became new again." In essence what we had in mind was the replication of the old idea that the best education of medical professionals takes place in an environment where patient care is the primary end, not a by-product. The historical precedent in our own case, of course, was the approximation of this ideal in the establishment of Presbyterian Hospital in 1883 by Rush Medical College faculty for the formation of future physicians in a patient care setting. It was then, and it is today, a philosophical approach to medical education that has made your own educational experience, if not unique, quite distinctive. As you pursue your careers in medicine, we are confident that your appreciation of this patient-oriented experience will deepen over the years.

"The Pulse" yearbook is also an old tradition, and I am delighted that you are continuing it. It will undoubtedly be your companion over your professional lives; in the early years as a ready reference on your classmates, in later ones as a means of recreating the spirit and atmosphere in which your success had its origins. Guard it well.

With all good wishes, I am

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To the Class of 2001:

You have now completed the first phase of your medical education, and have done so during a time of incredible change for our profession. The science of medicine is evolving at an unprecedented rate. Lasers are used to treat heart and ophthalmic disease, mammals are being cloned, the human genome project is nearing completion, and transplants are becoming commonplace. The array of diagnostic and therapeutic choices available to you, as a physician, is truly staggering.

However, several other changes are occurring which also impact on the care you will provide. Efforts to control the cost of medical care have resulted in a system that requires dramatically increased paperwork and that has less certainty that a third party payer will cover the cost of a test or treatment ordered by a physician. Worse, 44 million Americans are without any kind of health insurance.

Patients have far more information available to them and, to a much greater degree, expect to be a partner with you in the management of their health. In addition, they are exploring complimentary and alternative health options to the point that, in some studies, 50 percent of patient visits are in these areas.

I believe you are well prepared to enter this new world of medicine and I know that, despite the challenges you will face, you will love it. We, your faculty, are proud to have been a part of your education and life these last few years and are very proud of you as a Rush graduate.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

**RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2001
FACULTY AWARDS**

Nathan Smith Award

JOAN N. SIEGEL, PH.D.

This award is presented to the member of the alternative curriculum faculty who has demonstrated outstanding ability and dedicated service in the basic and behavioral sciences.

Brainard Award

SUSAN K. JACOB, PH.D.

This award is presented to the member of the traditional curriculum faculty who has demonstrated outstanding ability and dedicated service in the basic and behavioral sciences.

Phoenix Award

KEITH W. MILLIKAN, M.D.

This award is presented to the instructor who has exhibited excellence in medical education and the professional and personal qualities the class would like to obtain as physicians.

Aesculapius Award

JEFFREY MJAANES, M.D.

This award is presented to the outstanding resident-physician or fellow, in recognition for excellence in teaching and patient care.

Hooder

JILL M. PORTER, M.S.ED.

This honor is presented to the faculty member who will present the hoods at the Commencement ceremony.

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**RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2001
CLASS GIFT: Karen Goldman Memorial Fund**

The senior class gift of \$1250 will be donated to the Karen Goldman Memorial Fund. This fund has received contributions totaling \$12,000 to date from a variety of sources including the class of 1999, the class of 2000, Rush Attending Staff, and now the class of 2001. It is anticipated that the Goldman Family will direct these funds to areas of need within Rush Medical College.



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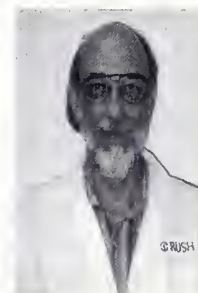
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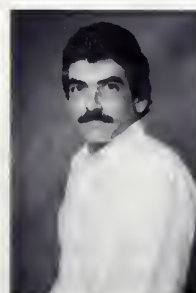
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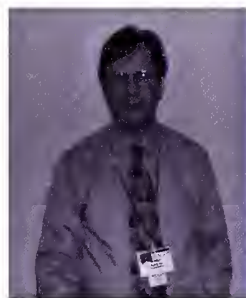
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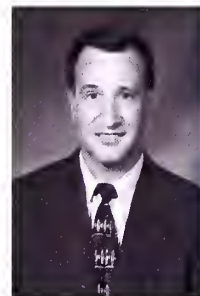
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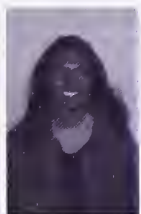


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Undergraduate Majors of 1997 Entering Class

Major	Number
Biology	51
Psychology	9
Biochemistry	8
Chemistry	5
Economics	5
Anthropology	4
Mathematics	3
Chemical Engineering	2
Electrical Engineering	2
English	2
History	2
Philosophy	2
Psychobiology	2
Biomedical Engineering	1
Bible Studies	1
Bio/Chem.	1
Bio/Philosophy	1
Bio/Psych	1
Civil Engineering	1
Communications	1
French/Sociology	1
Genetics	1
Micro/Immunology	1
Microbiology	1
Literature	1
Mech. Engineering	1
Nursing	1
Pharmacology	1
Religion	1
Sociology	1
Sports Medicine	1
Zoology	1

Undergraduate Schools of 1997 Entering Class

University of Illinois	25
Loyola University	10
Northwestern Univ.	5
UIC	5
Emory University	4
University of Michigan	4
Washington University	4
De Paul University	3
Knox College	3
Stanford University	3
University of Chicago	3
Univ. of Wisc. Madison	3
Illinois Benedictine	2
Illinois Wesleyan	2
Indiana University	2
U of California/Berkley	2
U of California/Irvine	2
Wheaton College	2

State Residencies for 1997 Entering Class

Illinois	100
California	7
Kansas	2
Wisconsin	2
Colorado	1
Connecticut	1
Florida	1
Maryland	1
Michigan	1
Missouri	1
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	1
Virginia	1

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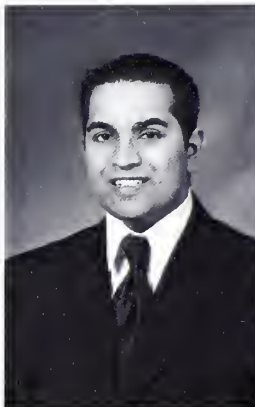
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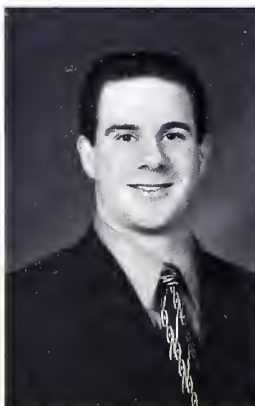
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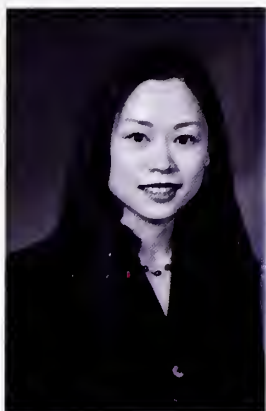


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Little Rascals



I'm cute and I know it!



Who's birthday is it anyway?



On the prowl!



You can't find me!



Look at those big puppy eyes!



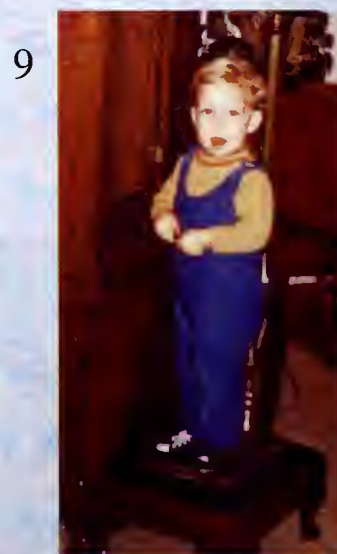
Going along for the ride



Oh so devilish!



Who's plaid couch am I on?



I wasn't doing anything, really!

10



Where is everybody?

11



Groovy!

12



I should've been the Gerber baby!

13



Adorable!

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Where's that darn horse?

15



Born to punk rock!

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Don't make me blush!

17



Such royalty!

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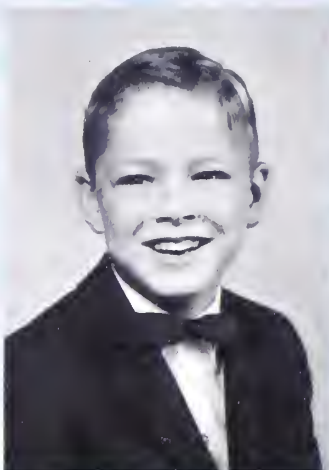
The boy next door

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Why so many lights?

20



All-American boy!

21



Aye Aye Captain!

22



It's cold outside!

23



Ready for the camera

24



It took long enough!

25



Chocolate is my weakness!

26



Pretty in pink!

27



Don't worry, be happy!

28



I'm stylin'

29

Hmmm, how do you spell
my name again?

30



Just hanging around

31



World, here I come!

32



Stompin' around

33



I'm as sweet as I look!

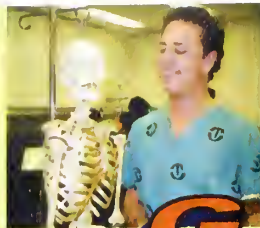
So, who's who?

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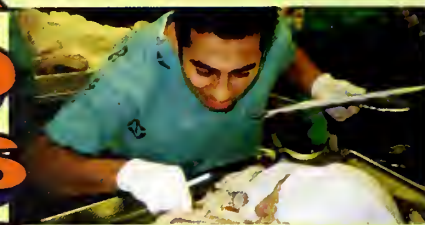
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26. Nimmi Natarajan
29. Bill Dimitropoulos
32. Karen Hou

3. Bridgette Blazek
6. Chase Stadtlander
9. Edward Hollinger
12. Jules Eckersley
15. Joan Hoffman
18. Jay Kohn
21. Marius Tijunelis
24. Mark Sokolowski
27. Janiece Stewart
30. Julie Yang
33. Dawn Belvis

Baby pictures organized and scripted by Tanya & Yolanda



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Rush Community Service Initiative Programs



Student National Medical Association



Students for Choice



American Medical Student Association



Physicians for Social Responsibility



Student Council



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International Medicine



Mexico



Greece



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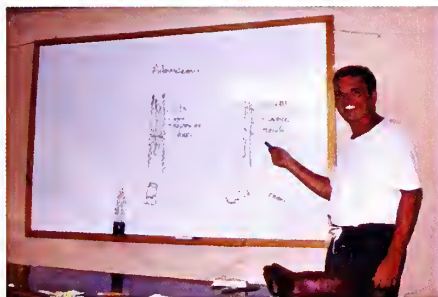


Dominican Republic

Peru



South Africa



Spain



Indonesia



See what happens when you forget to lock the cage door!



What the ?!@\$



TGLE



Good friends - good times



"C" is for Cookie



Amy is everybody's best friend



"Won't you take me to ... funky town!"





Smooth Salsa



Orthopaedics on call ...



Alky Smurf

And The Party Goes On...



If you throw free parties ... they will come!



Mike & The Zupancics



He works hard for the money



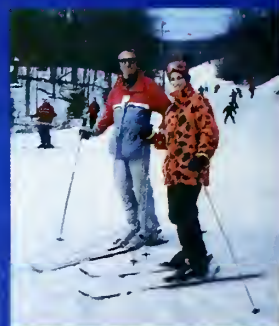
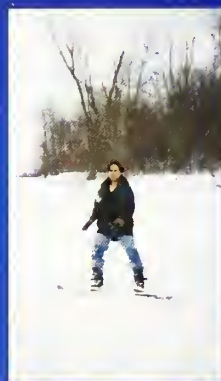
Let's Play!



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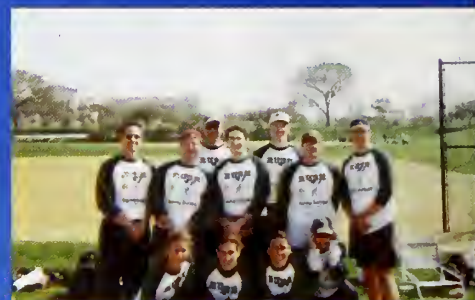
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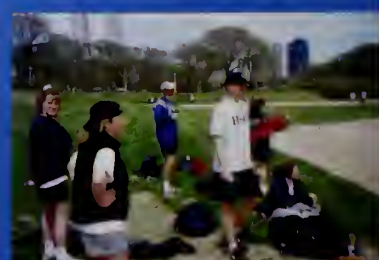
Football



Skiing

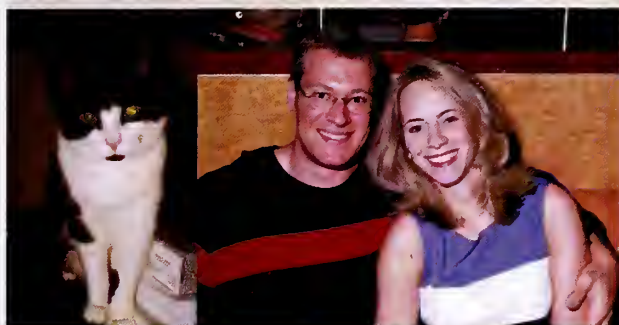


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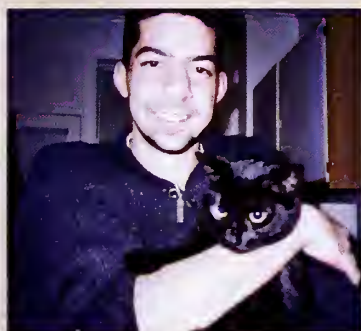




You give us strength.



You inspire us.



Our Families



You give us perspective.



You believe in us.





You listen.



You encourage.



Our Families



You love us unconditionally.



You make us smile.



You enrich our lives.



Our Families



You make us laugh.



You understand.



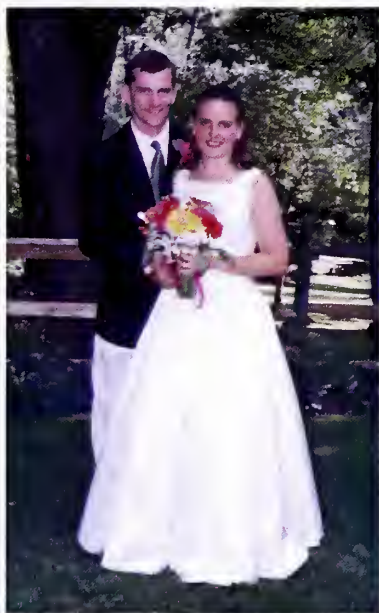
For all that, and more, we thank you.



about to take the plunge



... soaking wet!





Medicine Ball

1998

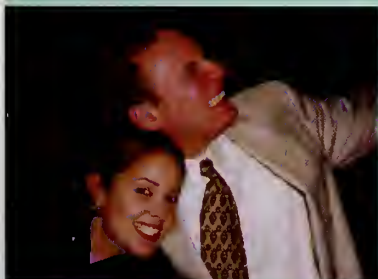




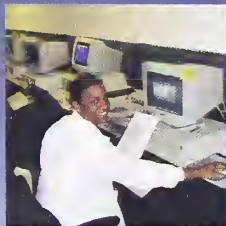
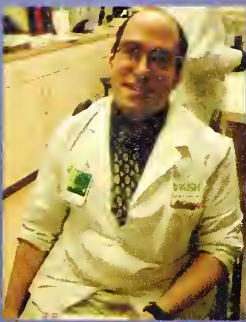
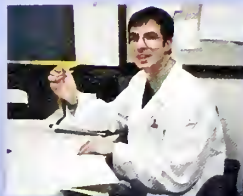
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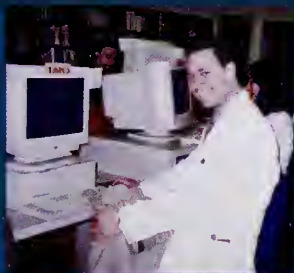
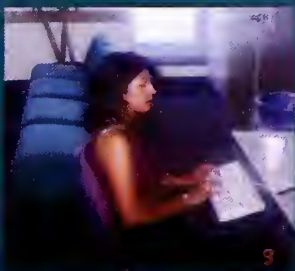
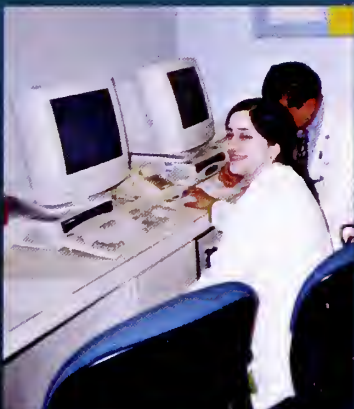
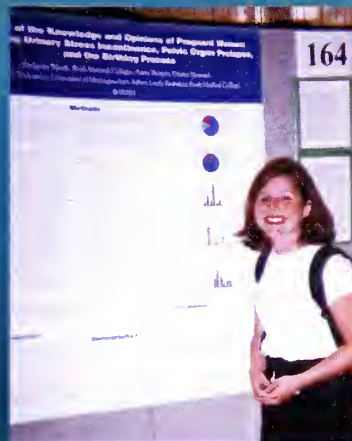


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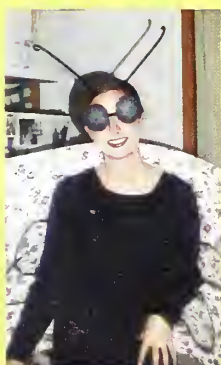


HARD AT WORK

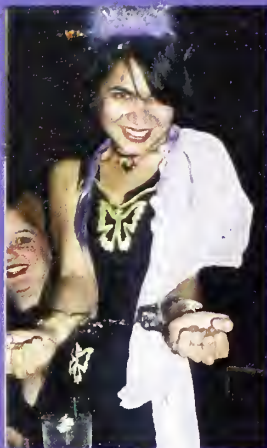


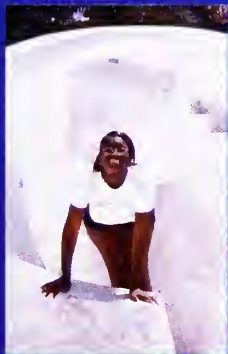


HARD AT PLAY









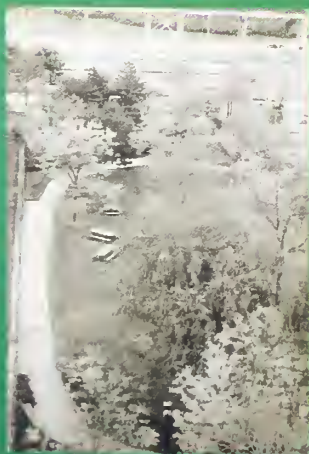


Match Day
2001





OUR STOMPING GROUNDS





Oath of Maimonides

Almighty God, you have created the human body with infinite wisdom. You have chosen me to watch over the life and health of your creatures. I am now about to apply myself to the duties of my profession. Support me in these great labors that they may benefit mankind. Inspire me with love for my art and for your creatures. Do not allow thirst for profit, ambition for renown and admiration, to interfere with my profession, for these are the enemies of truth and can lead me astray. Preserve the strength of my body and soul that they ever be ready to help and support rich and poor, good and bad, enemy as well as friend. In the sufferer let me see only the human being. Enlighten my mind that it recognize what presents itself and that it may comprehend what is absent or hidden. Let it not fail to see what is visible and permit it the power to see what cannot be seen, for delicate and indefinite are the bounds of the great art of caring for the lives and health of your creatures. Let me never be absent-minded. May no strange thoughts divert my attention at the bedside of the sick, or disturb my mind in its silent labors.

Grant that my patients have confidence in me and my art.

When those who are wiser than I wish to instruct me, let my soul gratefully follow their guidance; for vast is the extent of our art.

Imbue my soul with gentleness and calmness.

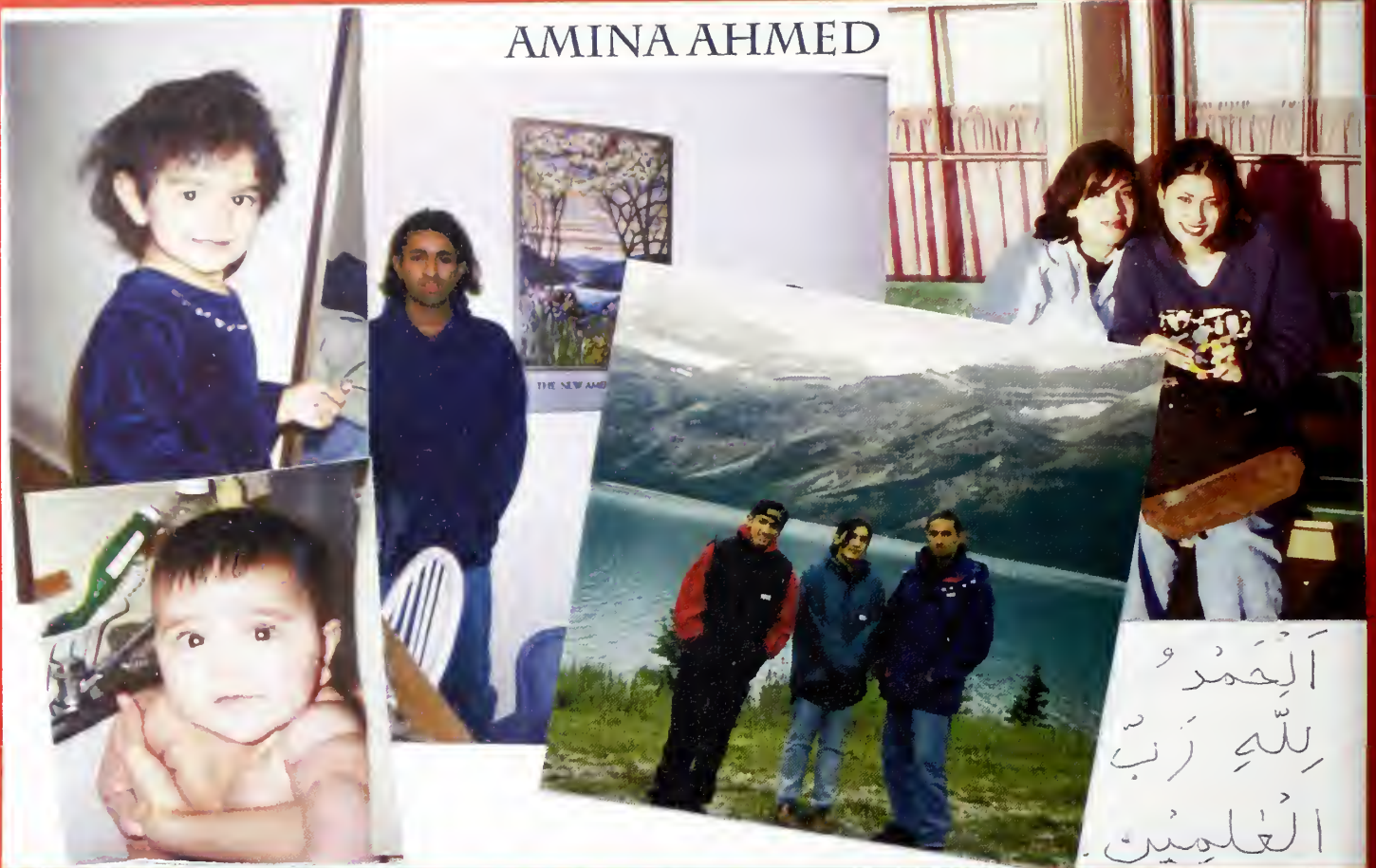
Let me be contented in everything except in the great science of my profession. Never allow me the thought that I have attained to sufficient knowledge, but vouchsafe to me the strength and the ambition ever to extend my knowledge. For art is great, but the mind of man is ever expanding.

Almighty God! You have chosen me to watch over the life and death of your creatures. Support me in this great task so that it may benefit mankind, for without your help not even the least thing will succeed.

I am ready for my vocation and now I turn unto my calling.



AMINA AHMED



ZARAH ALBA





WAEAL ALOMAR



"What the world needs is more Baos."
BAHLOL, the Poet

"Those who love you can show you the way,
But the effort is yours.
And those who hate you can slow you down,
But they can never stop you."
BAHLOL, the Poet



Valerie Arangelovich

In each age men and women of genius undertake the ascent. From below, the world follows them with their eyes. These men and women go up the mountain, enter the clouds, disappear, reappear. People watch them, mark them. They walk by the side of precipices. They daringly pursue their road. See them aloft, see them in the distance; they are but black specks. On they go. The road is uneven, its difficulties constant. At each step a wall, at each step a trap. As they rise the cold increases. They must make their ladder, cut the ice and walk on it, hewing the steps in haste. A storm is raging. Nevertheless they go forward in their madness. The air becomes difficult to breathe. The abyss yawns below them. Some fall. Others stop and retrace their steps; there is a sad weariness. The bold ones continue. They are eyed by the eagles; the lightning plays about them; the hurricane is furious. No matter, they persevere. They stand on top of the world.

My Au

To my wonderful family and friends....



I would not be able to do it without you
XOXO



*Don't be
dismayed at good-byes.
A farewell is necessary before
you can meet
again.*

*And meeting
again, after moments or
lifetimes, is certain for
those who are
friends.*

Arlene Bagga



HOPLYN BEATON

*To my family:
Thanks for your
love and support.*



*I can do all things through
Christ who strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4:13*



*To my mom, sister & extended family
and friends for your support, prayers
and babysitting...*

To my Dad, whom I miss very much...

*To my husband, Gene, for putting up
with my demands and your never
ending patience...*

*Finally, to my children, Alexandra,
Gabriella and Hunter for giving up
your time with me...*

I thank and love you all!

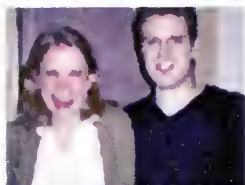
Sincerely,

Dawn (Mommy)

Karen Bernstein



"What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from."
-T. S. Eliot, "Four Quartets"



Thank you: to my mom whose sense of humor and "gift packages" have kept me going for 4 grueling years; to my dad and my inspiration, if I am half as wonderful a doctor and person I will be lucky; to my little sister whose love nourishes me daily; to my friends - B.B., Holmes, Ken, Schwartz, Stein, Katie, and Greg - who have spent 4 years listening to me panic and have made sure we have had fun along the way (thank you for the memories); and finally to Jeff, who has been my best friend for 9 years and who I will be honored to call my husband. I love you all.



Ron Blankstein

Carmella, Josef, and Shirley,
I want to thank you for all
your tremendous support and
love. I am lucky to have the
greatest parents and sister.



To my classmates: good luck
everyone. Life is short so
make sure to enjoy every
minute of it....



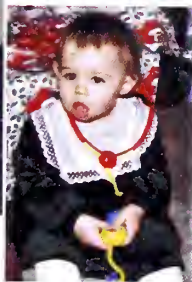
"The direction that's what really matters....it's not where you're standing now but which way you're headed"



to Mom & Dad for pushing me to succeed and for believing in me even when I didn't believe in myself.

BRIDGETTE BLAZEK

Thank
you . . .



to my sister for not hating me because I used to torture you in childhood and for keeping me so involved in Haley's life. And to Haley for helping me appreciate the simple things like going to the park, running after the ice cream truck, and giving hugs and kisses.



to Marcy for putting up with my mess and stress and for being the 2nd biggest Cubs fan I know (haha)—someday that world series will come and we will be face painting!



to my college friends for keeping in touch and for teaching me to "throw caution to the wind" and to have "no fear"! And to Laurel for reinspiring me to go to medical school!



to Arlene, KB, & Holm-lee for being my personal "chefs" and for making me laugh. And to the rest of our class for the great memories—crosswords in the lecture hall, "studying" in the student lounge, Twisted Spoke Tuesdays, time spent in the library while trying to avoid work, softball, football, etc!

Jeff Bohmer



Thank you to my little brother and sister whom always thought I was crazy for going to medical school, but have always been proud and supportive.

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To my wife, Christy: you have always been there for me. A simple "thanks" would not do justice for what you have meant to me. You have seen me at my worst and best, and you have always loved me the same. Thank you.



CATHERINE BURTON

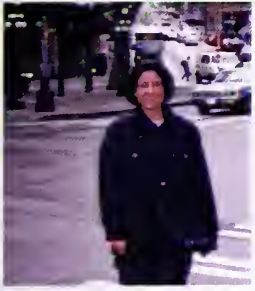
HERE'S TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO GOT ME THROUGH MED SCHOOL...
I LOVE YOU ALL!



OLGA CARDENAS



Yolanda Cardenas



*Gracias a mi familia por su apoyo,
amor, consejo y las tazas de café. Los
quiero con todo mi corazon!*



and the embers never fade in your city by the lake
the place where you were born

CRANKING DOWN MY FRIENDS ON THE
HEED TO LONG TO FAIRLY APART
ALL GOODNIGHT AS THE CURTAIN FALLS WE BID YOU

Chirag Chaudhari

Thanks to my dearest wife, Payal,



my family
and
friends



KATHLEEN CHENG



Kathleen

Benjamin L. Cho, MD



MONICA CHRISTMAS

**You will despise yourself later
if you look back on your life
and realize that you truly had
the ability to do great things,
but could not find the courage
to try.**

**There is time for you still, though
you must know that your achievements
will never rise higher than
your belief in yourself**

Author Unknown



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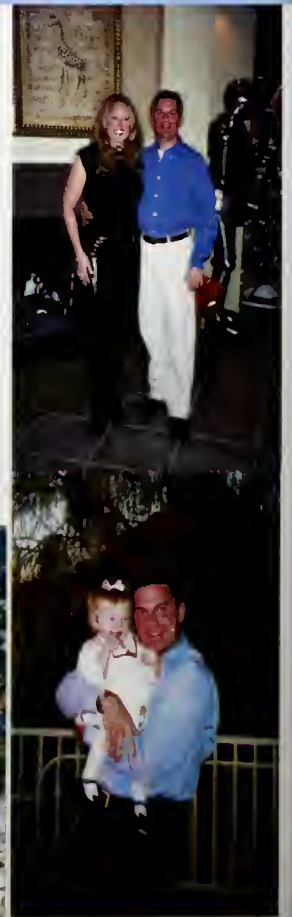
"I did it my way..." Frank Sinatra

Geoff Crabb

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I MADE IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





Sister, I love you and I thank you for being such a great sis. Keep up the good work.



Mom, I thank God for you everyday. You are the best mother that anyone could ask for. Thank you for being one of the strongest women that I know, love and respect.

Tanya S. Danner

Richard, I don't even know where to begin. I love you for being the man that you are. I love you for being a best friend. I love you for being a God-fearing man. Thanks for your love and support through it all.



Dad,
Even though you are not here to see what I have accomplished, I know that you are looking down from heaven. I love U.



CHANTEL M. DE LA ROCHA

To my family and friends,
Papi, Mommy, Celina, and Arman,
Without your love and support,
I could not have made it this far.
Thank you for your understanding,
Encouragement, advice and reassurance
During times of self-doubt.

Thank you to my family especially
For constantly asking me if I was warm enough,
("How do people live out there when it's so cold?")
And for giving me enough gear to make me
The warmest Californian
This side of the Mississippi.
I can't wait to think it's cold again
When it's 65 degrees outside.

I love you and I'm coming home soon!



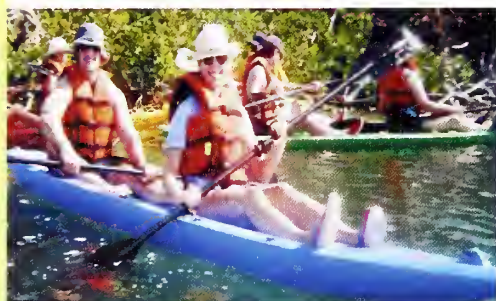


Lisa Dent



Exhaust the little moment
soon it dies
and be it gash or gold
it will not come again
in this very same disguise

- Gwendolyn Brooks



MEREDITH DEUTSCHER



Many thanks to my family and
friends, and especially to Michael,
for your support and encouragement
during these past few years. The
rabbit's name is not Michael.

--Mer

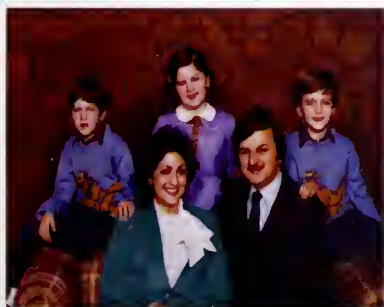


Sharmila Dias

Thanks to my family, for being patient with me and encouraging me in pursuing my dreams. Thanks to Rachel, Sabitha, and Mike who have been the best friends I could ask for. Thanks to my classmates who have made my medical school experience enjoyable and memorable. Lastly, I want to thank God for the privilege of becoming a physician. I am truly blessed!

Bill Dimitropoulos

Mom, Dad, Holly and Tom, thanks for all of your love, encouragement and support...I couldn't have done this without you. Thanks to all of my friends and classmates who have made the past four years some of the most memorable of my life. I wish everyone the best of luck!!!



Jules Eckersley

Alex Amy Andrew Charles Christina Clar Dad Dana Dani Ta Dawn Erik



I'd like to thank...



Nathan Owen Pedro Rafael Richard Spike Taylor Watson



Grandma Haddad Anna MacKay Jeffery Jessica Jill Johnson



Benjamin Rush
-quotes not attributable

"Hip-hop isn't music, it's just spoken words"

"I'm a little nervous about your robo-anus"

"I don't know what that was but damn, I want to be a part of it."

"If I'm not admiring any one of them up close, I might as well admire all of them from afar."

"You know what we need. We need a little bit of Internet love."

"You are all sooo fabulous!!!"



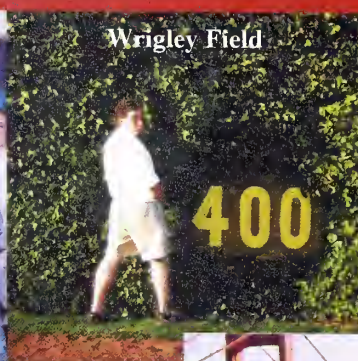
Mark El-Deiry



The Mishbachs



Gr. Anatomy, 1997



Wrigley Field



Calderon Iguardia
San Jose, Costa Rica



Halloween, 2001

To my family,

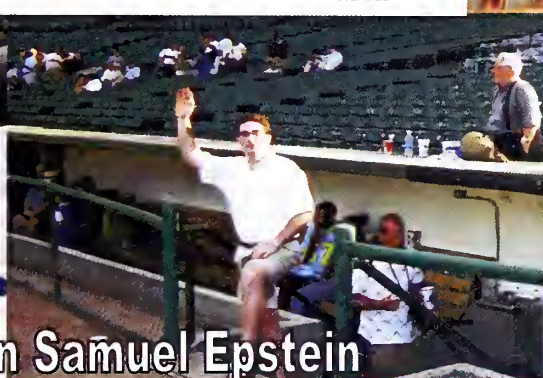
Once upon a time I set goals for myself to achieve. Only with your love and support was I able to accomplish what I set out for. Dad, you always told me to just play the game. Today I feel the game is over and I have won.

Love always,

Aaron



Paquare River,
Costa Rica



Aaron Samuel Epstein



Hana, Maui



To my older sisters, the pharmacist and the pediatrician, besides being my best friends, they are the greatest role models a little sister could have.

MINA FARHADIEH

To my friends, who reminded me that one could have a good time in medical school. We have come a long way and have grown together. I am a better person for knowing them and will miss them greatly.



To my parents, Who raised three independent daughters. They taught us to reach for the stars and to never give up on our dreams. I would not be where I am today without their love and support.

CHOOSE A JOB YOU LOVE AND YOU WILL NEVER
HAVE TO WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE
CONFUSIOUS

Eric Feldman



I never could have made it through medical school without these wonderful people: my wife Jean, her mom, my parents, my grandmother, and my kids Hannah and Isaac. Thanks to everyone who made so many sacrifices to support me!



David Fisher
and family



Brian Gantwerker

<THE PATIENT>

I COME TO YOU WITH THE QUESTIONS
YET YOU HAVE NAUGHT BUT MORE
STARING AT EACH OTHER WITH EYES OF INTENT
GREYED WITH TIME, WITH NOWHERE KNOWING—
NOR CLAIRVOYANCE THAN HIS MIRROR—
TELL ME SOMETHING, ANYTHING.
DESPITE THE BOOKS AND PALE COAT
COULD YOU SPEAK TO ME ABOUT THE
WAYS OF WHICH I KNOW NOT
LIE THERE AS YOU DO OF THE
UNSPEAKABLE EXHAUSTION OF US BEING HERE—
PLEASE TELL ME SOMETHING, ANYTHING—
JOT AND SCRIBBLE, PRESENT THE GADGETS
WAVE MY HANDS AND SNAP MY FINGERS
IN THE QUIET ROOM OF OCCASIONAL BEEP AND CLICK
WITH THE DIM LIGHT CASTING PHANTOMS
AGAINST THE DUN WALLS AND BLACKENED SKY OUTSIDE—
JUST TELL ME SOMETHING, ANYTHING?



~ Beautiful hands ~

This is the kind of friend
You are
Without making me realize
My soul's anguished history,
You slip into my house at night,
And while I am sleeping,
You silently carry off
All my suffering and sordid past

In Your Beautiful
Hands.

To Cyrus, Laiya, Sog, Nik, and Kana thank you for a universe of love. -Sahar

MATT GIMPERT

To the fine young doctors of Class 2001, I bequeath the following:

♦ Amina Ahmed

your continued FIREBALL attitude and tender heart while delivering the world healthy children

♦ Valerie Arangelovich

the "truth" and may it always guide you and may you always find it "out there"

♦ Jeff Bohmer

a long life, answers and action under pressure and a Nobel Prize

♦ Ari Ciment

a successful career in warm Florida (where basketball courts are plentiful and eager docs play in January)

♦ Bill Dimitropoulos

a long life and bountiful prosperity (in the hospital and on the basketball court)

♦ Mina Farhadieh

a perfect Parisian pediatric practice (when life gives you lemons, make "lemon drops")

♦ Joan Hoffman

a satisfying career and happiness for one of the most "true blue" friends I know

♦ Sara Jandeska

a life lived "happily ever after" with Him and that which makes you most happy

♦ Adam Randolph

"desert bliss" and lifetime fulfillment for the nicest guy I know

♦ Mark Sokolowski

a lifetime of "calm without the storm" and may your energy and intelligence lead you to your goals

♦ Tae Yoon

a beautiful Korean princess we all know you will one day discover

♦ Mike Zupancic

keep the "shaken," discard the "stirred" (best wishes with your marriage)



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK
TO THE ENTIRE CLASS!

KATHLEEN GOINGS

THANK YOU
to my **FAMILY**
+ my **FRIENDS**
(NEW + OLD)

MARDI GRAS!!

IT HAS GONE BY QUICKLY +
A LOT OF CHANGES HAVE TAKEN
Place — I'm hoping the NEXT 5 years
IN WASHINGTON will go by AS
Quickly, but ALSO
WITH the memories
+ moments that have
MADE these 4 so
SPECIAL.
I LOVE YOU, ALL!

KAT my new home

FRIENDS

THE FAMILY

TR O G M I S

MT. RAN-

MT. YAR

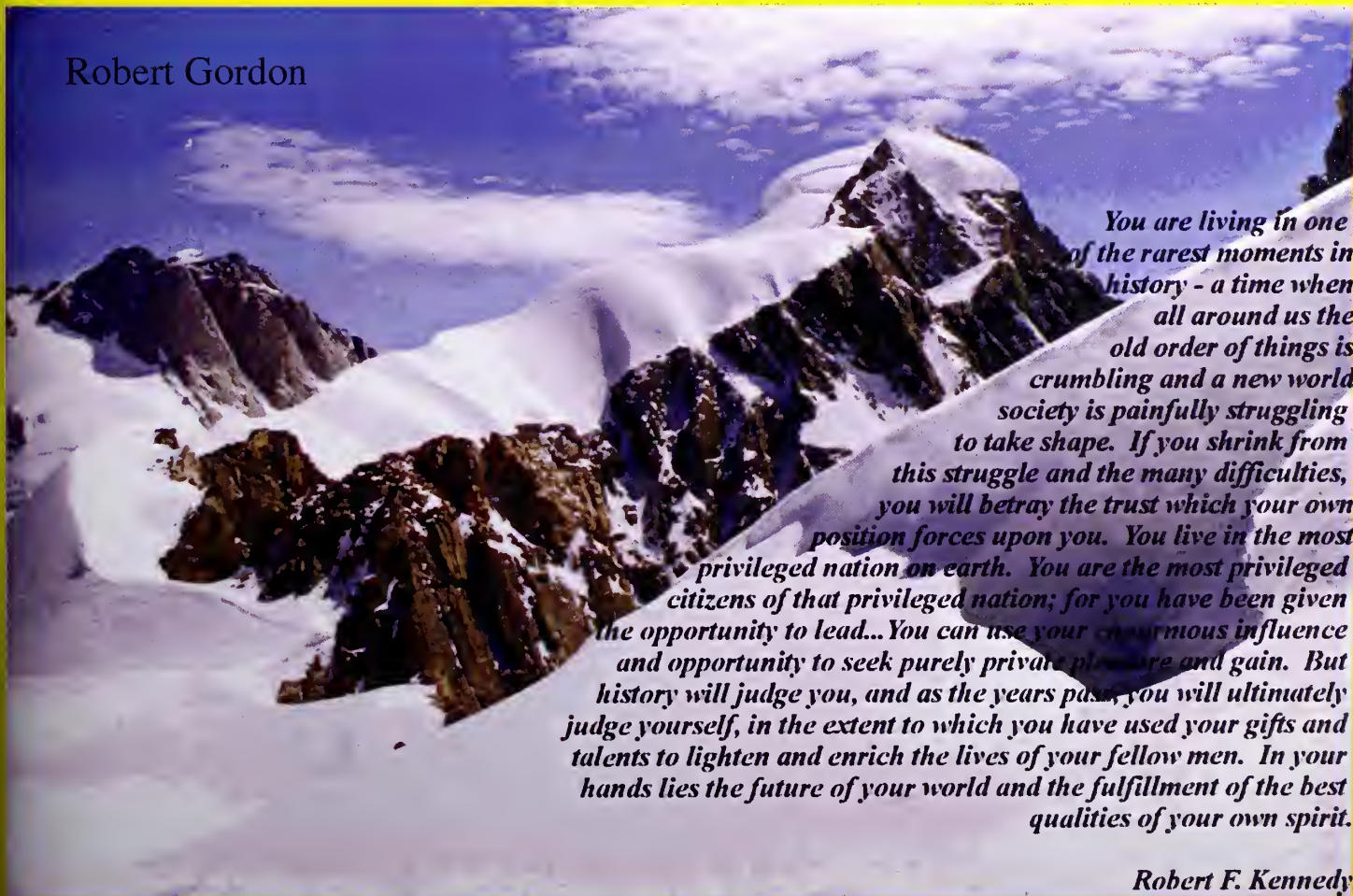
Tammara Goldschmidt



To the Lord for loving me, saving me, and blessing me. To my parents for making me believe I could do anything. To my husband, my love, my life – David for loving, supporting, and leading me through it all. You are my greatest gift. To Nix for sharing cookies and *The Simpsons* with Mama every day after school and making me smile no matter what. To Leo for being sweet and understanding and still saying “mama” even though I wasn’t always there to hear it. To Mick and Tracy for putting up with me and loving me unconditionally. To my grandparents – Mary, Rhoda, and Joe for being the best cheerleaders and encouragers ever. To Lucia – my best friend and co-mama to Nicholas for 3 ½ years. To Julie and Terry Karstrand – thanks for adopting Nicholas and me into your wonderful family. To Judy Grisamore – for being the best mother/mother-in-law I’ve ever had. Thank you! (and to everyone else I didn’t mention but owe so much).



Robert Gordon



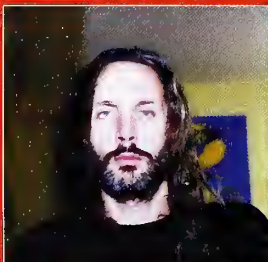
You are living in one of the rarest moments in history - a time when all around us the old order of things is crumbling and a new world society is painfully struggling to take shape. If you shrink from this struggle and the many difficulties, you will betray the trust which your own position forces upon you. You live in the most privileged nation on earth. You are the most privileged citizens of that privileged nation; for you have been given the opportunity to lead... You can use your enormous influence and opportunity to seek purely private pleasure and gain. But history will judge you, and as the years pass, you will ultimately judge yourself, in the extent to which you have used your gifts and talents to lighten and enrich the lives of your fellow men. In your hands lies the future of your world and the fulfillment of the best qualities of your own spirit.

Robert F. Kennedy

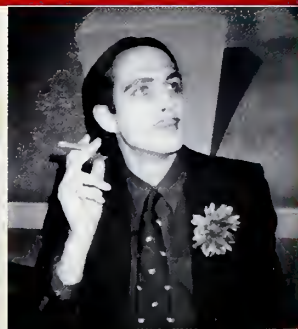
FROM
Minsk to Chicago to MD-ville...

MAXIM GORELIK

HUGE THANKS AND HUGS
TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS,
AND TEACHERS



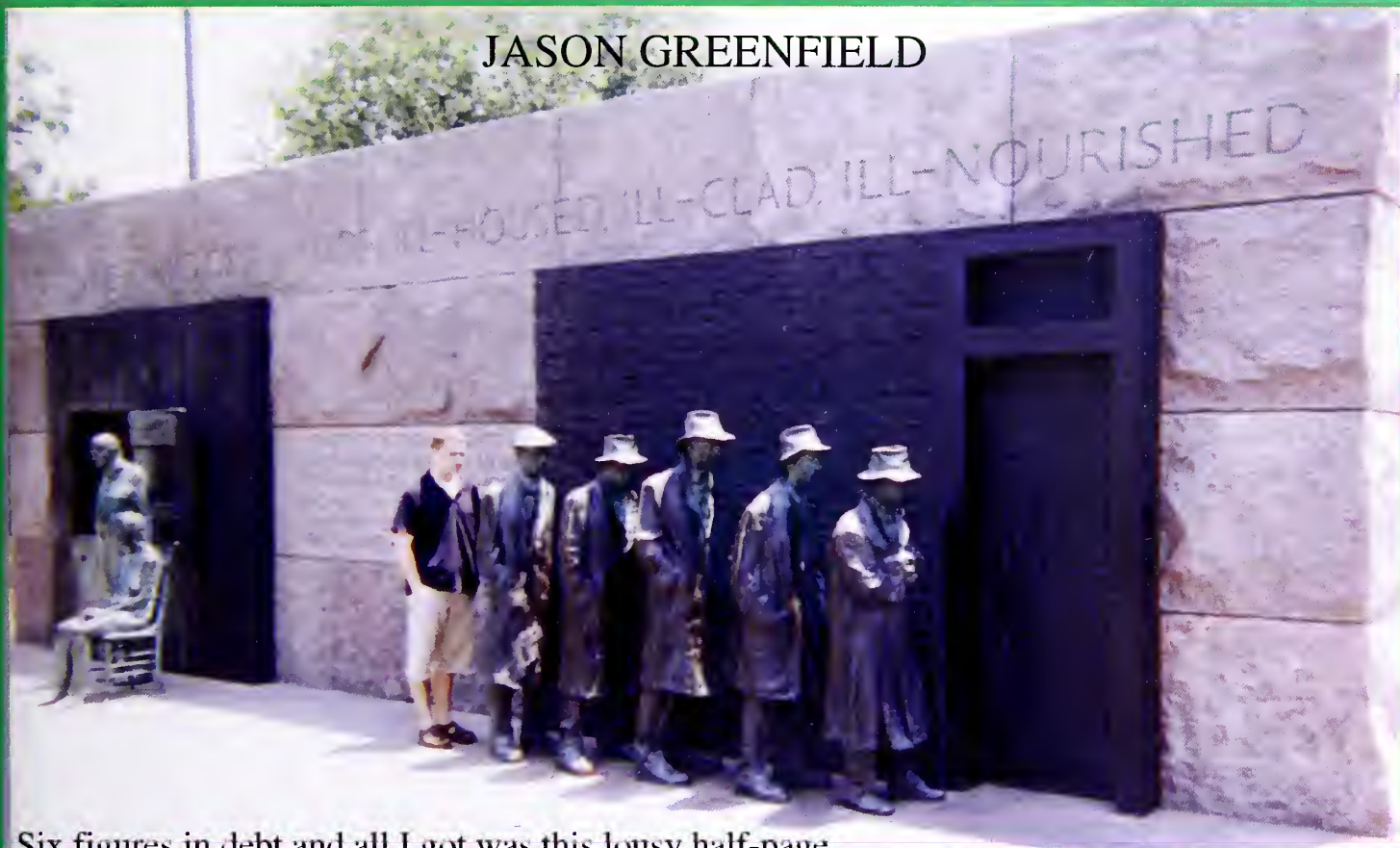
Richard Gould



So sad it ends
as it begins.
Good luck everybody.

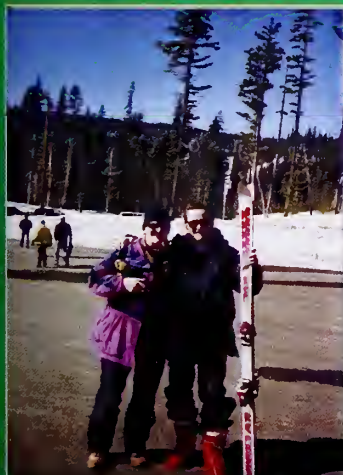


JASON GREENFIELD



Six figures in debt and all I got was this lousy half-page.

Sarah Hansen-Norland





"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of others and the affection of children,
To appreciate beauty; to give of one's self, to leave the world a bit better whether by a
healthy child or a redeemed social condition... *To know even one life breathed easier
because you have lived---This is to have succeeded.*" ---Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations!!!! I wish all of you the very best.

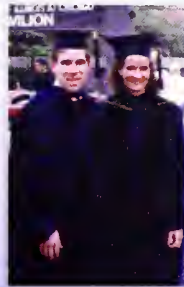
JOAN F. HOFFMAN

To my family
and friends--

Thank you !!!!

I love you,
always !!!!

Ed Hollinger



*My thanks to my mentors,
colleagues, friends and
family for all of their
support.*

*Most of all, my thanks to
my patients...the best
teachers.*



CARISSA HOLMES

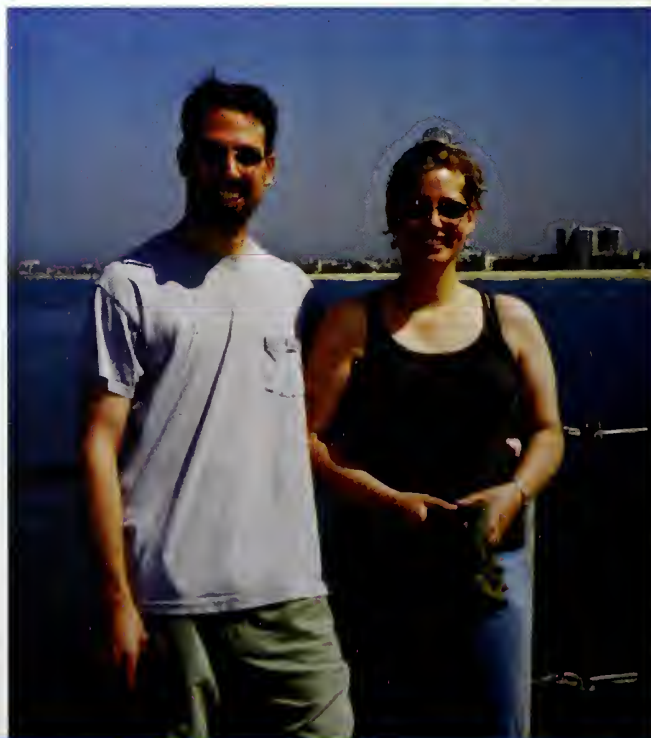




Thank you to all of my family and friends who were there to share all the million ups and downs over the last four years. To my dad, U of I friends, fellow sukiyaki & sushi buddies, and Mella (we did it!) & Chigger...I love you all! Karen Hou

MICHEL HUMILIER

The Best Things in Life are Those that You Least Expect to Find





Brian Jacobs

Mom and Dad: I can never thank you enough for everything you have ever done for me. I am the person I am today because of your constant love and support. I love you.

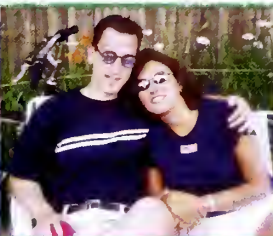
Michael: You're the greatest brother a guy could ever have. Thanks for your advice and humor.

Grandma: Thanks for always being there for me.

Nana: Thanks for always believing in me.

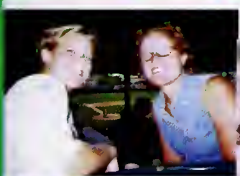
Class of 2001: Thank you for a lifetime of memories. Good luck!

In loving memory of Robert Mann and Ernest Jacobs, the two best grandfathers in the world!



KRISTIN CLARE JENSEN

*Mom and Dad, Jake and Carol, Sue and Doug –
Thank you!
Good Luck Class of 2001!*



MITCHELL KAPLAN



Mom and Dad: Thank you for all your love and support over the years. You have made me realize I can do anything I want in life as long as I work hard and believe in myself.

Class of 2001: Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Your best shot at happiness, self-worth and personal satisfaction – the things that constitute real success – is not in earning as much as you can but in performing as well as you can something that you consider worthwhile.

William Raspberry

ARI KATZ

And soon its edges began to wear off...



Jerry Kim

Good Luck Everybody!

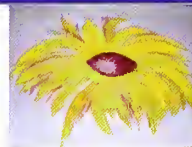


Micki Ko



Free at last! Free at last! God, almighty, free at last!
Trespassing through the vineyards of Niebaum-Coppola

To my family and friends—thank you all for keeping me sane these past 4 yrs, for your patience and understanding, and for helping me to realize my goals even when I was uncertain of where this journey thru med school was taking me at times. I have so many memories—thank you for enriching my life w/ all these adventures, both good and bad. Congratulations to all my class-mates! I couldn't have asked to have met a more colorful grp of people! Good luck! Always...

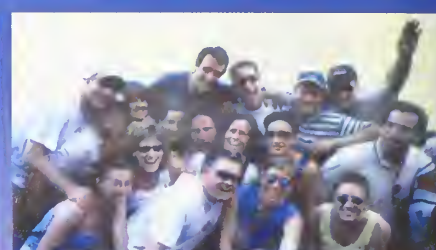


Often your tasks will be many,
And more than you think you can do...
Often the road will be rugged
And the hills insurmountable, too...
But always remember, the hills ahead
Are never as steep as they seem,
And with faith in your heart step
upward
And climb till you reach your dream.
--Helen Steiner Rice





JAY KRAFT



It was a time to learn and grow, to make great friends, find new love, and have unique experiences.



It will be a time to remember forever...



DAN KRAFT

Thank you Heather, Mom and Dad, and my friends for all your support and encouragement.

That Man Is A Success...

That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much;
 who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children;
 who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;
 who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a resented soul;
 who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it;
 who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.





EUGENE KUO

My everlasting gratitude
to my family and my
wonderful wife. For
without them, none of
this would have been
possible.



Two roads diverged in the wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

The Road Not Taken
—Robert Frost



The Year

A STORM of white petals,
Buds throwing open baby fists
Into hands of broad flowers.

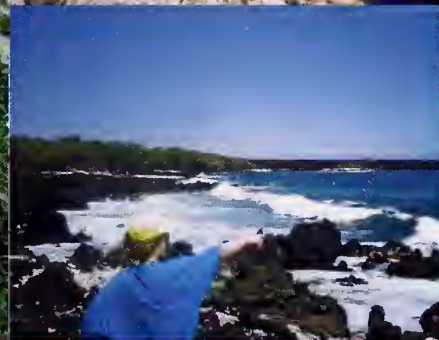
Red roses running upward,
Clambering to the clutches of life
Soaked in crimson.

Rabbles of tattered leaves
Holding golden flimsy hopes
Against the tramplings
Into the pits and gullies.

Hoarfrost and silence:
Only the muffling
Of winds dark and lonesome—
Great lullabies to the long sleepers.

Carl Sandburg

STEVE LEWIS



MICHAEL LIN: to my family and good friends from Rush. Thank you for all your support. Good luck everyone!



MARK LOEWEN



Peter Lux



Thanks to everyone who helped to make **ORUSH** such a great place to be over the last 4 years, and to my parents who have given constant valuable support in my quest to become an MD.

I can't believe it's finally over!



ALBERT MENDELSON



To my loving family, thanks for all the support

Jay Mendoza



Special thanks to all of my classmates—it wouldn't have been the same without you! Thanks especially to Jules, Richard, Lisa, Ari and everyone else who studied with me.

Much appreciation to Mom, Dad, Albert, and Joe for providing encouragement!

Thanks to all of you who gave your time to make the Buddies Program a reality and to those who participated in the Outdoor Club's activities.

Most of all, I wouldn't have made it through without the love and support of my best friend and wife, Jennifer. We finally were married on a beautiful, sunny day, June 24, 2000 at the Turtleback Inn on Orcas Island, Washington. Our honeymoon to Europe was unbelievable and a much needed break during the start of 4th year.

Best wishes to all of you! Please keep in touch. jasonmendoza@yahoo.com.



ANN MITRAKUL



To my best friend and partner without whom my journey in this world would have been very lonely and boring.

Couldn't have done it without you!

STEPHANIE NAHAS



Thank you!



TANUJ NAKRA

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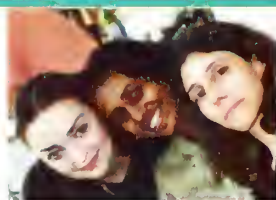
Thanks to:

- mom, dad, gauram - your love and support keeps me going.
- nidhi - your gift of love is precious to me
- my friends - you guys rock! sometimes literally

What I learned in Medical School:

- never go swimming with Bao
 - don't introduce Sujal to your sister
 - Fourth year rules, second year doesn't
 - definitely choose a specialty by its secretions
 - friendship is a gift - treasure it forever
- GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE !!!





Nimmi Natarajan



To my family and friends, thank you for being by my side every step of the way.

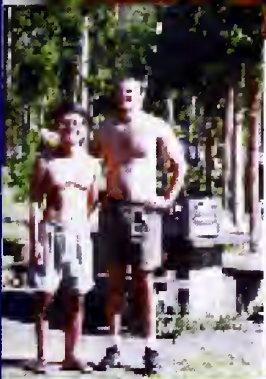


Eric Ng



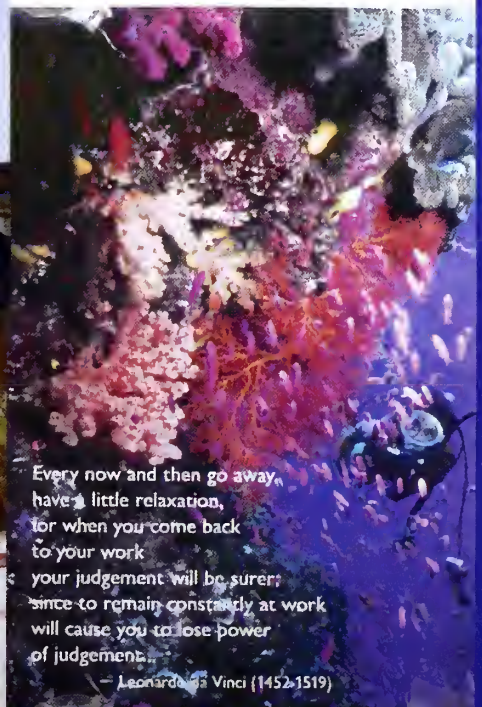
*To My Family and Friends,
Thank you*

BAO NGUYEN: to my family and to those who have touched my life...thank you!!!



Eric Niño

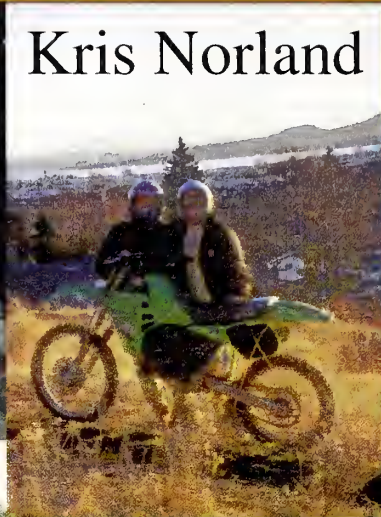
Will we remember names
in 20 years?



Every now and then go away,
have a little relaxation,
for when you come back
to your work
your judgement will be surer;
since to remain constantly at work
will cause you to lose power
of judgement.

— Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)

Kris Norland

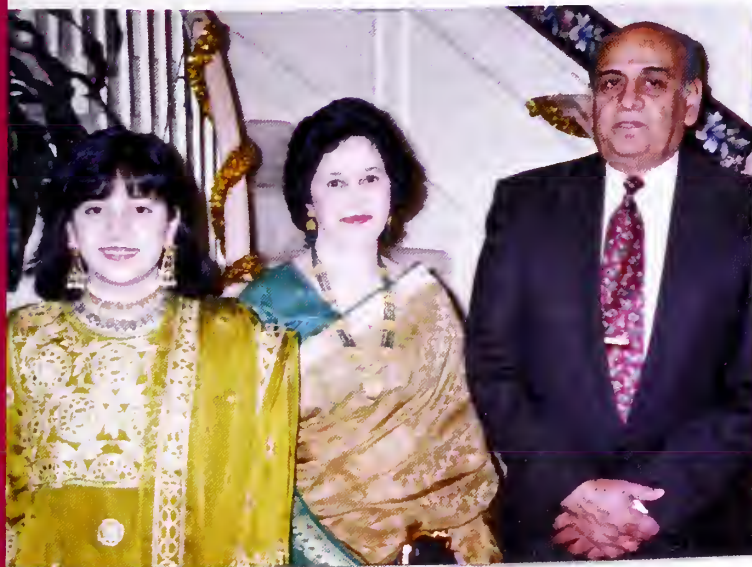


KEVIN O'BRIEN

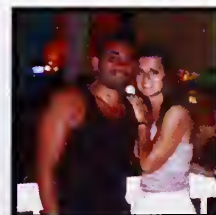
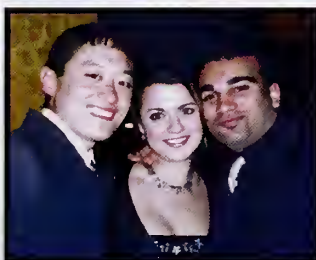


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and colleagues for their support.
Special thanks to my wife for her love & support.

ANJUM OWAISI



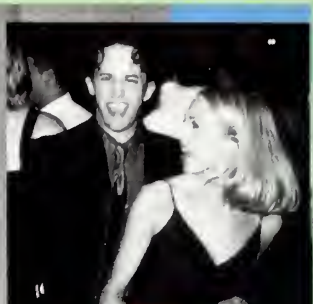
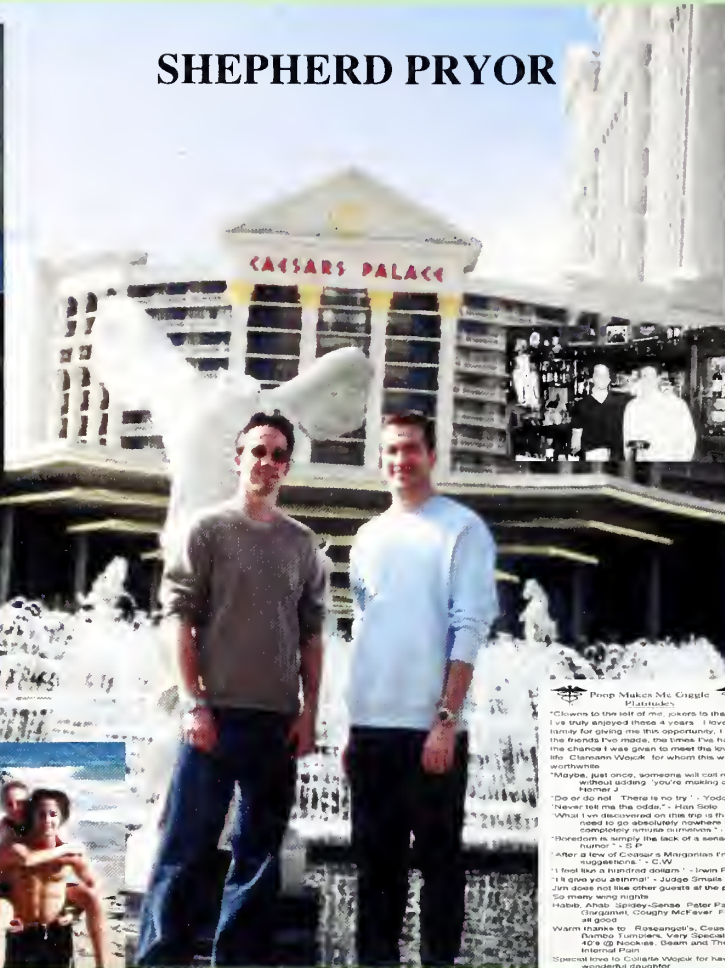
*To my loving family, without your encouragement
and support, none of this would have been possible!
I am always reminded of my blessings from Allah (swt)
when I see your smiling faces. My heart is with you always!*



Samir Patel

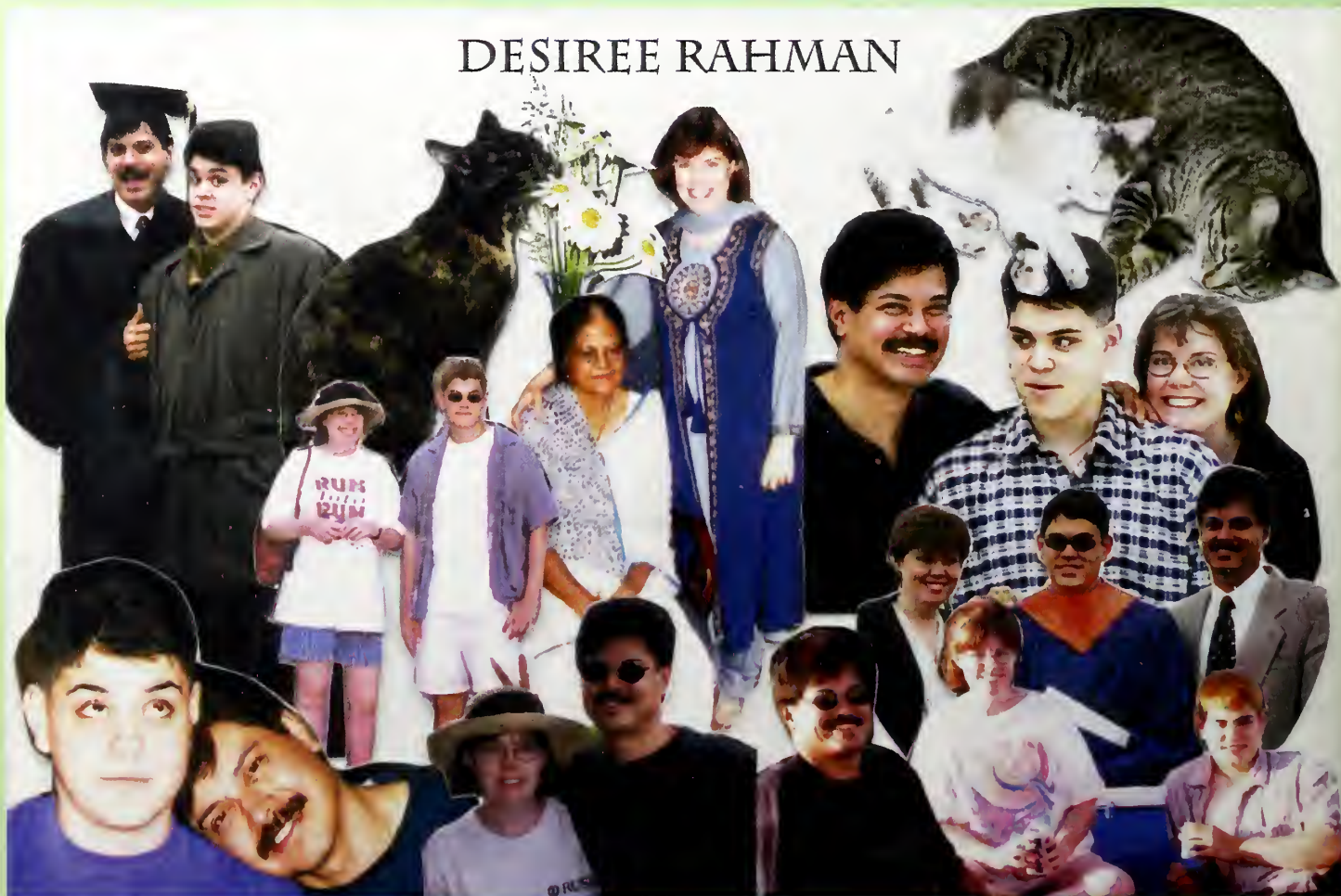
"Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason" -- Jerry Seinfeld

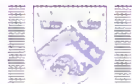
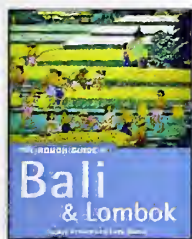
SHEPHERD PRYOR



Pomp Makes Me Giggle
 Platinussy
 "Cloves to the best of our powers to the right
 I've truly enjoyed these 4 years. I love my
 friends I've made, the times I've had, and
 the chance I was given to meet the love of my
 life. Thank you Vowuk for whom this was all
 worthwhile.
 "Maybe, just once, someone will call me 'her'
 without kidding. You're making a scene."
 Homer J.
 "Do or do not. There is no try." Yoda
 "Never let me see the odds." Han Solo
 "What I've discovered on this trip is that we
 need to go absolutely nowhere. It's
 completely normal. It's normal.
 "Boredom is simply the lack of a sense of
 humor." S. J.
 "After a few of Caesar's Margaritas I'm open to
 suggestions." S. J.
 "I feel like a hundred dollars." Irwin Fletcher
 "It gives you a smile!" Judge Smale
 Jim does not like other guests at the party
 So many long nights
 Hallel, Ahah, Sandy-dance, Peter Parker,
 Garfunkel, Coughy McFever, FitzGig - it's
 all good
 Warm thanks to: Roseann's, Cesar's, I'm
 Dumb, Lurkers, Very Special Giggles,
 40's & 50's Rockers, Dean and The Circle of
 Infernal Puns
 Special kudos to: Corinne Vowuk for having such a
 wonderful daughter

DESIREE RAHMAN





Neil Ray



BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL



Thank You Mom and Dad



The Flying Midgets



Bartending at Irish Eyes



I know a good ENT...

Scott Geoffrey Sagett



1412 W. Polk Halloween



Rush Formal



Family Cruise

Mom and Dad . . . I never would have reached today without all your love and support. I love you!

Jenn . . . I love you with all my heart! I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you!

To my classmates . . . It's been a great 4 years! Good luck to you all!

*To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of honest criticism and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty;
to find the best in others; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better;
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation;
to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived
— this is to have succeeded.*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Monica Saini



"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious; it is the source of all true art and science."

--Albert Einstein

"I'd rather savor the mystery."

--Calvin, to Hobbes,
on not learning math

"If I had known what med
school was all about, I
would have stayed in
Jamaica."

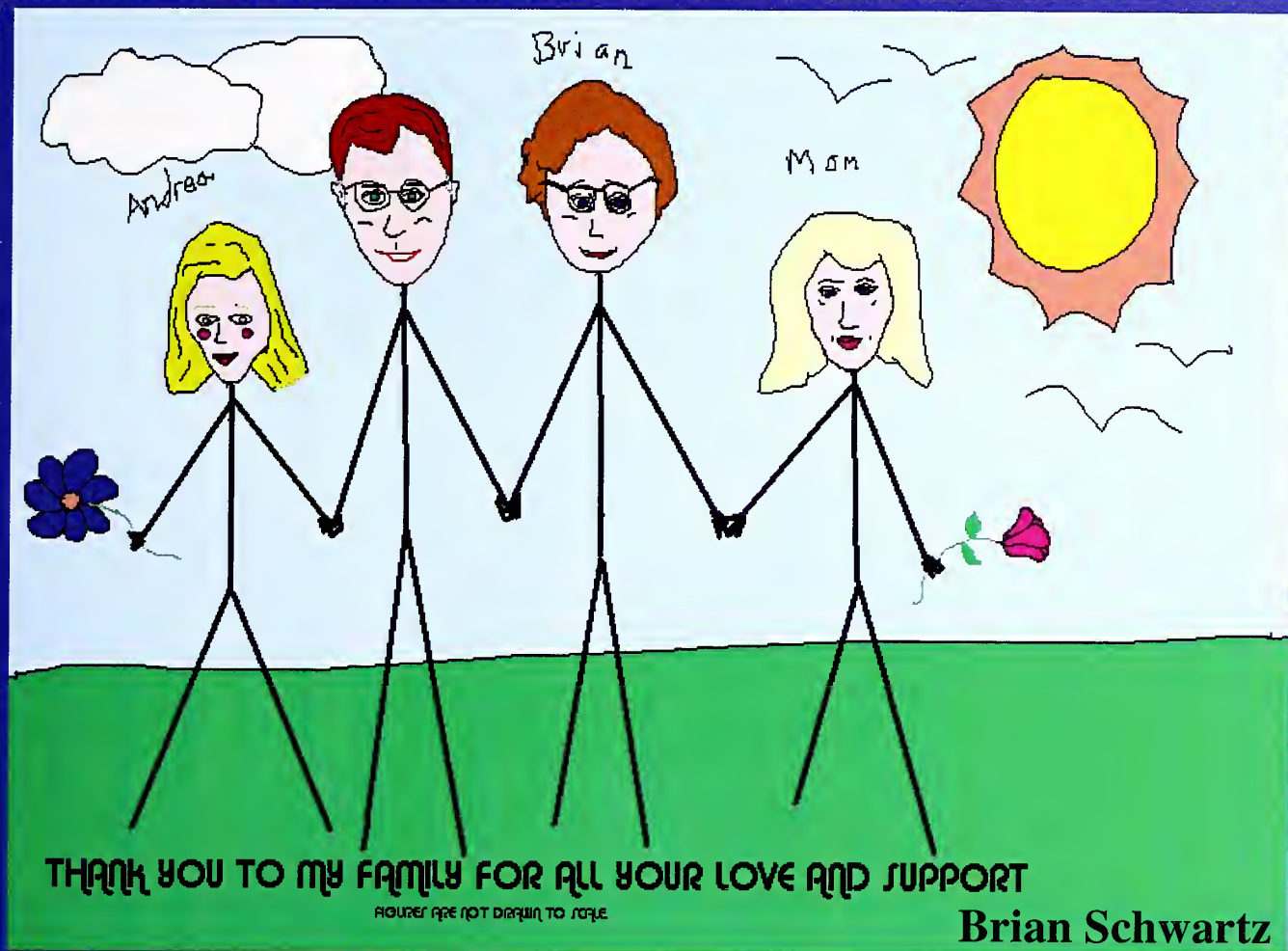
--Ron Bieganski

May we all learn to appreciate the things we don't understand
as much as those we do, and to know the difference.

Good luck to you all! I'm proud to be your classmate and
your friend.

--Amy Schroeder





SHIRA SHAVIT



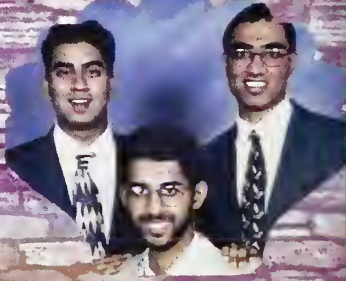


THANKS FOR ALL
THE SUPPORT!



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... everything of the
... have the ...

and the other two were
of color. I was never in the
house of the new Negro
owner. I was in the house

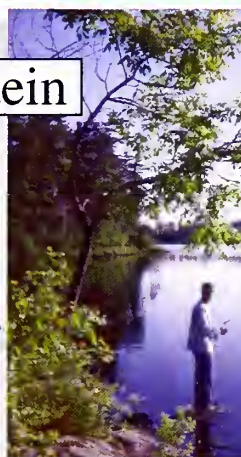


CHASE STADTLANDER

Thanks Maarty, Mom, Dad, Gam, Bop, Jay, and Dickey clan for the love and support, I could not have gotten here without you.



Brian Stein



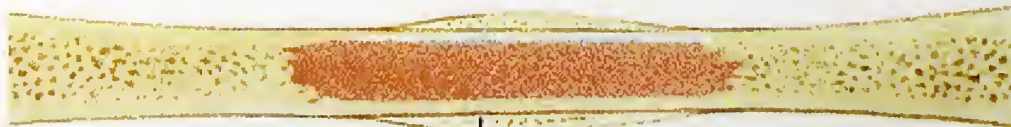
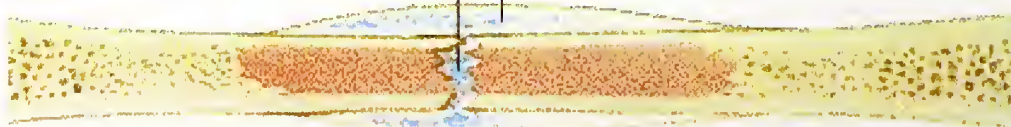
It real! I love you guys! you know who you are!

Without you I would not have made it this far



building set to work at our business set not trust beyond him 01 inch nor

Fracture ————— Callus



New bone

Noriu padekoti...

Marius Tijunelis

Dievui, mamai, tetei, elenai ir friukui, astai, mociutei, nijolei, mamaitei, mildu ir lawrence, marrrrp, aldai, mutui, ballz, sweet lou, vid, dariui(myliu myliu), shmoops ir crystal gail, larai, RUSH, t for tania, IIT, lenny, tado, ricky, dr. leikin, p.p. polikaiciam, vid-paul, quigley, p. baleisienei, Dainavai, ateitininkam, linai, amy&salsa, norvz, mr. kreitman, rimmy, nidutei, DR, erikai, united, fondui, dr. prinz, vakarei ir jos kalnam, sahar, simmi, snoops, meredith, dr. lanter, the boys at S&B, mutee, nimmi, winny, priti, ponias V, MSU, joan, and the big G.

Without you it would have been impossible!
ACIU – Thank you



PRABHU VELAN



OLGA VINOKUR



This journey has been amazing because of the people who surrounded me.

I want to dedicate my Accomplishments to my father, who always believed in me and taught me to strive for the best.

Thank you mom, grandma, and grandpa for your continual support and generosity.

And to my wonderful friends, who were always there for me, it's a joy to be in your company.

I am grateful to the people I had the pleasure of meeting at Rush and who became such an important part of my life. I wish all of you the best of luck.

*"Heal the past; live the present; dream the future."
-unknown*



Good Luck to all!

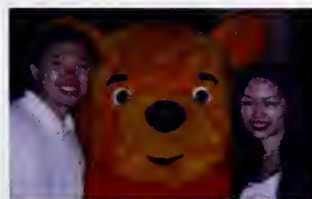
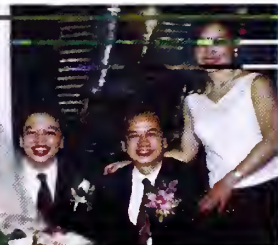
Shawn Wynn



Nobuhisa Yamada

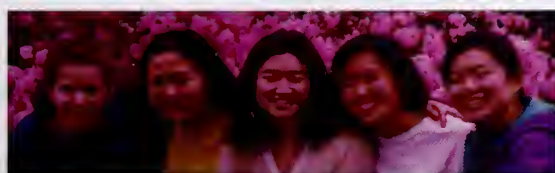
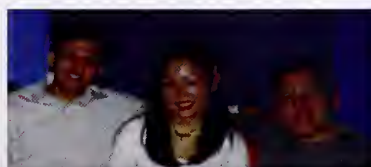


Cheers!

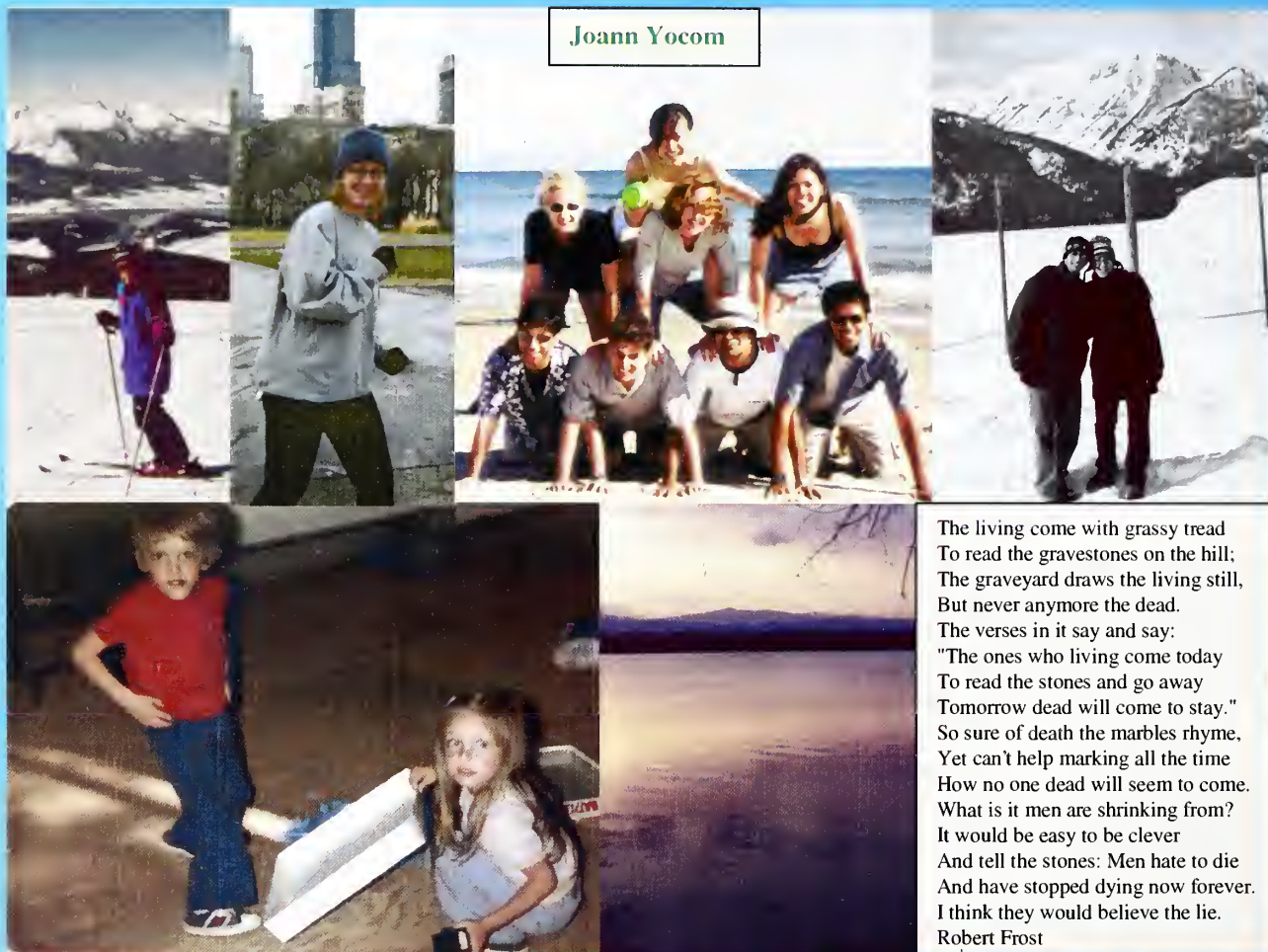


Dear family, friends, and Tim,
Thank you for your constant
love and support. We had many
wonderful memories and endured some
rough times together. I wish you
all the best. I love you all.

-Julie Yang



Joann Yocom



The living come with grassy tread
To read the gravestones on the hill;
The graveyard draws the living still,
But never anymore the dead.
The verses in it say and say:
"The ones who living come today
To read the stones and go away
Tomorrow dead will come to stay."
So sure of death the marbles rhyme,
Yet can't help marking all the time
How no one dead will seem to come.
What is it men are shrinking from?
It would be easy to be clever
And tell the stones: Men hate to die
And have stopped dying now forever.
I think they would believe the lie.
Robert Frost

TAMMY
YUEN



I want to thank
Mom and Dad
for all the support
they have given me.

I am so lucky to have
the two of them
as my parents.

Yvonne is
the best sister
in the world.

We will always
love each other
no matter how far
apart we are.

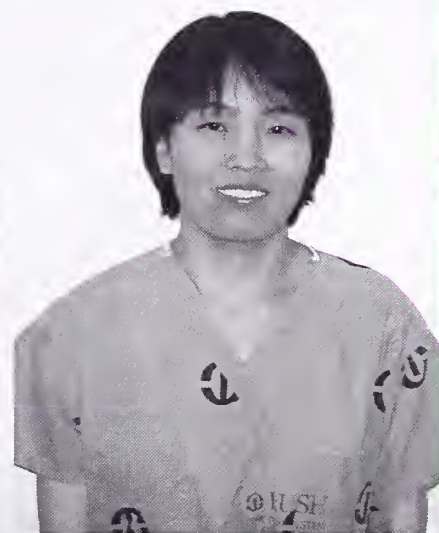


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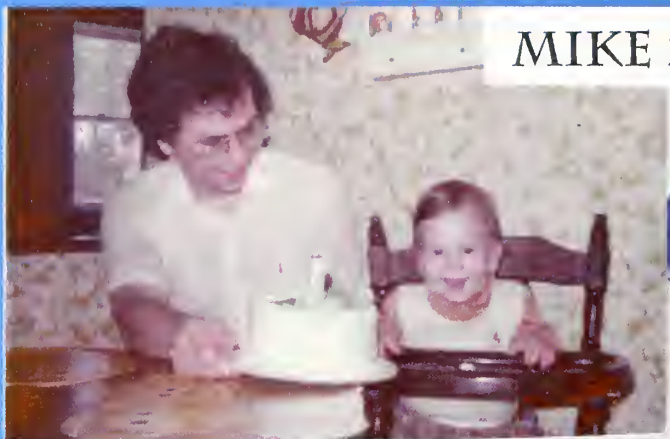


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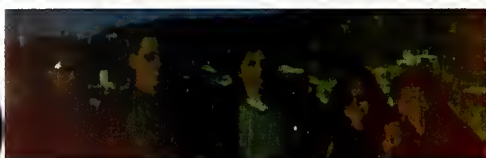
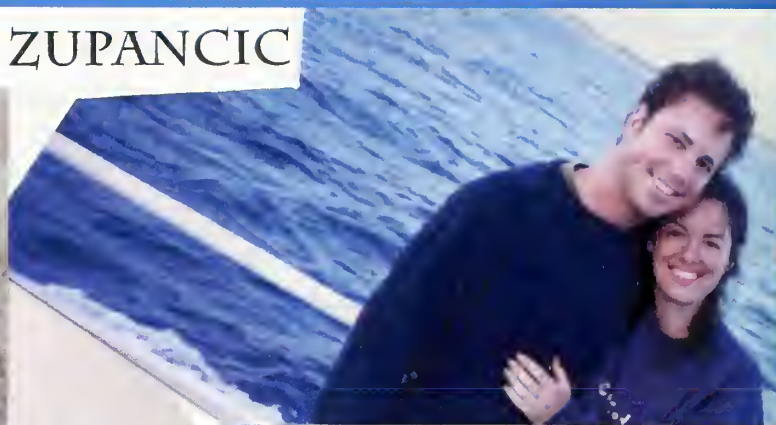
*So near,
And yet so far...*



咫尺天涯

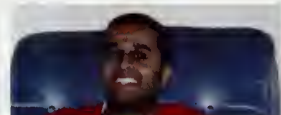
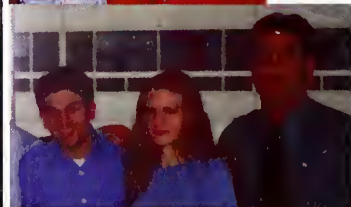


MIKE ZUPANCIC



We wish we could have
included you all!
Thanks! Take care!

Ravi Menon
Sameer Patel
Sujal Shah





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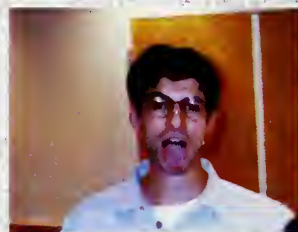


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The Office of Student Affairs
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